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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.16 (98-0616.15)
Serial No. : 09/652,580 Group Art Unit : 2812
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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